

**RESOLUTION NO: 1229**

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**A Resolution of the Edmonds City Council in Support of  
Bicycle Skills and Safety Training**

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- WHEREAS,** the City of Edmonds recognizes the importance of instructing young children in the safe and effective way to ride bicycles and,
- WHEREAS,** bicycle riding as a form of exercise reduces childhood obesity and associated illnesses such as diabetes and promotes general health and,
- WHEREAS,** riding a bike can also be a convenient way to get to school, to have fun after school and for many other uses and,
- WHEREAS,** since bicycle riding is an activity that can be performed throughout a person's life, learning the proper skills as a child will have life long benefits and,
- WHEREAS,** good bicycle skills and an understanding of the law will reduce the number of injuries incurred by bicyclists, will improve the perception of bicyclists by motorists and will lead to a safer ways for bicyclists and motorists to share the road and,
- WHEREAS,** The Cascade Bicycle Group, which has conducted a similar program in several school districts in King County, is very interested in expanding the program to third through fifth grade students in the Edmonds School District (ESD) and is prepared to do so when funding becomes available and when a formal agreement is reached with the ESD and,
- WHEREAS,** bicycle use is an important component of the Community Sustainability Element of the City of Edmonds Comprehensive Plan and of the City of Edmonds Climate Change Action Plan and will better enable the City to meet the Mayor's goal for greenhouse gas reduction and,
- WHEREAS,** this program is consistent with the State and National "Safe Route to Schools" Programs, now
- NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the City of Edmonds Council endorses the Bicycle Education Safety and Skills (BEST) program proposed by the Edmonds Bicycle Advocacy Group for the Edmonds School District.

Passed, Approved, and Adopted this 20th day of April, 2010.

  
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MAYOR, GARY HAAKENSEN

ATTEST/AUTHENTICATED:

  
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CITY CLERK, SANDRA S. CHASE

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